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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

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12 June 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR

Commanders, All Units Reporting Directly to This Headquarters
Commanders, Fort Knox Partners in Excellence
Directors and Chiefs, Staff Offices/Departments, This Headquarters

SUBJECT: USAARMC Policy Memo No. 13-00 – Radiation Safety Policy

1. References:

a. Title 10 Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 0 - 199, Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC).

b. AR 11-9, 28 May 1999, The Army Radiation Safety Program.


c. Fort Knox Reg 385-5, 5 January 1998, Ionizing Radiation Protection.

2. Much of today's Army equipment contains radioactive material. Unlike many hazards, radioactive contamination is an unseen hazard whose effects are not immediate. Radioactive material is highly regulated, licensed and controlled. Fort Knox is committed to the Army's and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's philosophy of maintaining occupational radiation exposure to As Low As Reasonably Achievable (ALARA). The ALARA philosophy is the basis for all regulatory authority.

3. Every unit/organization that possesses radioactive material must be aware of the requirements for acquisition, possession, storage, transportation, use, maintenance, and disposal of such material.

4. Each unit which has equipment containing radioactive material will appoint a Unit Radiation Protection Officer (URPO) and ensure compliance with the requirements in Paragraphs 5b and 5j, reference 1c. All leaders must clearly demonstrate the importance, commitment and priority we give to the safety and welfare of our people.

FOR THE COMMANDER:


GEORGE EDWARDS
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